

JEAN ELIOT'S CHRONICLES OF SOCIETY

Dear Susan:

The Japanese mission, with that very distinguished gentleman, Viscount Ishii, at its head, is now settled in Washington, and the official world is devoting itself to the business of entertaining them right royally. So far we unofficial folk have had little opportunity to meet the visitors from overseas, as most of the entertaining has been of a purely official character. Our "innings" will come next week, when the Secretary of State and Mrs. Lansing will have their brilliant reception at the Pan-American Union building, the Japanese ambassador will give a big reception at the Willard, and several dinners, with "common or garden" society men and women as hosts, will be on the program.

Today the mission is being entertained aboard the Mayflower, with a little company of official folk to meet them, and is laying a wreath on the tomb of Washington. It has come to be a bit of a joke the amount of time each of the visiting missions devotes to visiting the graves of our national heroes—Washington, Lincoln, Lee, and the rest. By way of reciprocity, I noticed that as soon as our expeditionary forces reached France, the leaders were taken on a pilgrimage to the tombs of Napoleon, Lafayette, and other great ones of France.

Everett Entertain Japanese Mission at Luncheon.

To return to our mittens—Rear Admiral and Mrs. Edward W. Eberle entertained Viscount Ishii and the members of his suite at luncheon yesterday, when they journeyed to Annapolis to visit the Naval Academy. There were twenty-five in the party, including Gen. Frank Irons and Captain Marsh, military and naval aides, and Albert Billings Ruddle, who has been detailed to serve with the mission. To meet them Admiral and Mrs. Eberle had a luncheon for the officers stationed at Annapolis and the ladies of their families.

Mrs. Eberle greatly enjoyed playing the role of hostess, for, since the United States entered the war, visitors to the Naval Academy, unless provided with all manner of passes and credentials, have been discouraged, and she has had little opportunity to exercise the hospitality for which she was noted when first Admiral Eberle became superintendent of the Naval Academy.

Summer Welles Appointed To Argentine Post.

Summer Welles, recently attached to the American embassy at Tokyo, has been appointed second secretary of the American embassy in Argentina. He married Esther Slater, daughter of Mrs. Horatio Nelson Slater, of Boston, and frequently of Washington. The young people have been in this country on leave since early summer, dividing their time between their two families. Just now they are at Bar Harbor with Mrs. Slater. They expect to leave next month for their new post.

Warren Delano Robbins, who is to be first secretary of the embassy at Buenos Aires, and Mrs. Robbins have already set sail. At least they left Washington a fortnight or more ago to visit Mr. Robbins' family at Tuxedo and expected to leave the city very soon. Their new detail is particularly pleasing to handsome Mrs. Robbins, who is a native of Argentina, and whose home is in Buenos Aires. Her maiden name was Irene de Bruyn.

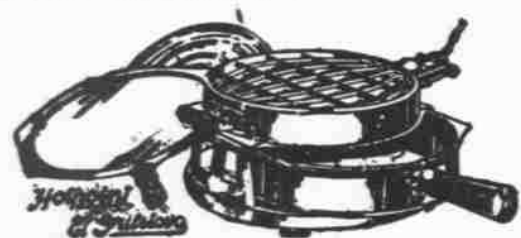
Mr. and Mrs. William Payne Meredith's pretty cottage in Chevy Chase, which Mr. and Mrs. Robbins occupied for several months during the spring and early summer, has been let again, this time to Count and Countess Jean de la Greze, who will share it with M. and Mme. Aubert. Both young men are serving with the French command. Countess de la Greze was one of the lovely Steele girls, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Steele, of New York and Westbury, L. I., and is a sister of Mrs. Devereux Milburn.

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Titled Women Who Are Prominent In Washington Society

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At Left: BARONESS DE LA GRANGE, American Wife of a Distinguished French Aviator, Who Is a New-comer to Washington Society.

At Right: LADY PRABHA KARAVONGSE, Wife of the Minister of Siam. She Is At Bass Rocks, Where the Legation Is Established for the Summer.

Below: BARONESS LILY VON WINKLER. Her Father Is—or Was—Dutch Consul General to India. She and Her Sister, Baroness Charlotte von Winkler, Have Spent the Past Two Winters in Washington. They Are Spending the Summer With Friends in Virginia.



Certainly she and her clever young husband will be interesting additions to smart society here.

Another young Frenchman, who has a charming American wife, is Lieut. Col. Baron de la Grange, chief of the French aerial mission, Baroness de la Grange was formerly Emily Sloane, daughter of Henry T. Sloane, of New York. She is a niece of the late William Douglas Sloane and the cousin of William H. Osgood Field and Mrs. James A. Burden. Her sister recently married George D. Widener, Jr., son of Mrs. Alexander Hamilton.

Baron de la Grange is one of the leading aviators of France and has twice been given the croix de guerre, once for service in the flying corps and once, I believe, for gallantry while serving with the infantry. He is here to help with the organizing and training of our aviation corps.

Occupies Evermay, Historic Home in Georgetown.

This interesting young couple, who are occupying "Evermay," Mr. and Mrs. William B. Orme's historic home in Georgetown, for the summer months, will give it up in October. Beyond that they have made no plans, although they expect to remain here longer. They were singularly lucky in securing "Evermay," for, perched high on the heights of Georgetown,

surrounded by green lawns and aged trees, overlooking the city, the place possesses all the charm of the country, and yet is very much a city home.

When Mr. Orme returned to Washington last week after a visit at Ventnor with his family, Mrs. Orme came with him. She is staying for a few days with the Marburs, in Georgetown. The Ormes have thoroughly enjoyed their cottage this summer, for they have had most of their family with them. Their daughter, Mrs. Hume, with her four little girls, is staying with Mrs. Orme, and Mr. Hume, like Mr. Orme, joins them at every opportunity. Eloise Orme, now Mrs. Tom Robinson, and her husband have a cottage near by.

"Medicancy" Is Vogue at Fashionable Newport.

"Medicancy" is in vogue at Newport. The pretty girls have all learned to sit up and beg without fear of disfavor. It's as much as your life's worth to walk down Katharine street or be seen coming out of the Reading Room alone. Bailey's Beach is a sheering ground for ladies—Wall Street specimens preferred. To every girl with a relief organization in the back of her bonnie head—and who hasn't?—every man is a possible "contrib" financially rather than editorially speaking.

That's the way one man, recently returned from Newport, expressed it, and that's the burden of the tale that all returned travelers have to tell. Even the horse show will be, for charity this year, and with Mr. and Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt retreating from France this month, war work is bound to feel a new impetus. The Vanderbilts were among the founders of the American Ambulance at Netley—Mrs. Lawrence Benet's pet philanthropy, for which so many Washingtonians are working, and now that the institution has passed under Red Cross control the raison d'être of their being in Paris is gone.

Capt. and Mrs. Perry Belmont Leave Belmont.

Capt. and Mrs. Perry Belmont left Belmont in the height of the season to come to Washington during the visit of the Japanese mission, but letters from Newport are filled with the doings of the Washingtonians who foregather there. Mme. Riano, wife of the Spanish ambassador, has been visiting there, and the Bakhteffs are back at Stone Villa, where the Russian embassy was established in the days when Mr. Bakhteff was ambassador. The diplomatic colony is somewhat smaller than usual, but Mme. de Cespedes, wife of the minister of Cuba, has been there for several weeks; the British embassy is represented by Mrs. Colville Barclay and the Hon. Mrs. O'Brien; and every once in a while there's an influx of the younger attaches, who used to be counted upon as cavaliers for the buds and their older sisters in the days before Washington took the place of Newport as the summer capital.

Mrs. Nicholas Longworth Visiting Beckmans.

Fascinating Mrs. Nicholas Longworth has been visiting Governor and

Mrs. Beckman. Mr. and Mrs. Woodbury Blair are among the late arrivals, and have with them their two pretty nieces, Minna Blair and Edith Wallach; and Marguerite Caperton, daughter of Admiral Caperton, whom we still like to regard as a Washington girl, is among the belles of the season. The Bonapartes are other Washingtonians who are frequently mentioned in all accounts of the Newport season.

Gay? Well the town is more busy than gay from all accounts; and all entertaining has a military flavor, with Port Adams crowded with troops, many of them about to start "over-seas," the naval training station just over the way, and all the younger men getting into khaki. Certainly Newport has not suffered from lack of men as have so many other summer places.

Daughter Born to Irwin, New Across Continent.

All the way from Washington State comes news of the birth of a daughter recently to Lieut. Comdr. and Mrs. Hiram Irwin, who are stationed at Bremerton navy yard, near Seattle. The little girl is their second child. Mrs. Irwin, who was formerly Louise White, lived most of her life in Washington, made her debut here, and was married here. She is the daughter of Comdr. and Mrs. W. W. White.

Commander White, who was on the retired list, has been recalled to active service, and is up to his ears in work at the Navy Department. Mrs. White is recuperating after a long and trying illness and was recently pronounced well enough to go to work for a little change. She is now the guest of Mrs. John W. Davidge, daughter of Senator and Mrs. Weeks, who is spending the summer on the Weeks' wonderful estate at Lancaster, N. H.

Senator Weeks and Commander White were classmates at the Naval Academy, graduating in the class with Col. Robert M. Thompson and, I think, General Barnett. You know that year the quota for officers was full and most of the class were mustered out. The Senator owns thousands of acres of mountain top near Jefferson, N. H. Indeed, to round out his domain in the White mountains he had set his heart, he purchased nearly 8,000 acres. From his veranda one has a view of the whole Presidential range, stretching away into the blue distance.

Senator Weeks is, of course, spending most of the summer in town and just at present Mrs. Weeks is at their home in West Washington. Mrs. Davidge to do the honors at the Lancaster place. Senator and Mrs. Weeks, you know, bought the Hughes house at Sixteenth and V streets, where they expect to make their winter home.

Tom got back from New London the other day and tells us of the gayest of places. Of course, the town is a headquarters for naval activities, a submarine base in particular, and that always adds to the charm of a summer resort. Mrs. Alexander Gilchrist Hatch—do you recognize Dorothy Aleshire by that name?—has a cottage there, in order to be near her husband, Lieutenant Hatch, who is on submarine duty. Among the other Washingtonians there are Frances Traver, who are at the Mohican Hotel, and Mrs. David Stewart Hendrick. Her younger daughter, Lillian Hendrick, is, as always, a great belle, the young naval officers flocking around her like bees about a flower. The Hendricks are at the Griswold, at East Point.

Noel Sullivan in Ambulance Service With Western Unit.

Noel Sullivan, nephew of Senator James D. Phelan, who has been a frequent guest of his uncle here, is one of the California boys who have gone into the American field ambu-

lance service in France in the unit of drivers organized by Clinton La Montagne, of San Francisco. Most of the young men are heirs to millions and are giving up the most luxurious existence for the hardships of camp life. Up to this time Mr. Sullivan has devoted himself principally to music.

Murray Cobb has finally bought the Alexander Britton farm on the Rockville Pike. Yes, I know there's been a lot of talk about the purchase before, but this time it is really settled, the papers are all drawn and signed. The farm has been owned for several years by Leigh Hunt, who bought up nearly a thousand acres in the neighborhood. Recently he has sold the property piece by piece, and the Britton farm is the last to go.

Trade Farm for Residence Here of Judge Emery.

Just about the time Leigh Hunt bought the lovely old place from Alexander Britton, the Cobbs bought a farm just beyond and this they have recently traded to Judge James Emery for his residence, 2401 Massachusetts avenue. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cobb have had a constant hankering for the Britton place, and have leased it season after season. This summer, however, it has been let to Major and Mrs. C. R. Warren.

The Cobbs have made no plans for taking possession of their new home, as Mr. Cobb has just entered the Reserve Officers' training camp at Fort Meyer, and their movements will depend upon whether or not he gets his commission. There is scant doubt of that, however, for he has been an officer in the District national guard for some years and has a splendid record.

Willard Straight, who bought the Baker property adjoining George Hamilton's place, has converted the old farm house into a lovely home. It is much larger now and an attractive place as you can find along the Rockville road. He expects to move in next month.

Commander Mock's Auto Used for Joy Ride.

Commander Mock of the British navy is a recent addition to the large and interesting group of representatives of our allies in the Capital. The group seems to be steadily growing, too. Come to think of it, Commander Mock is not such a very recent arrival, either, for he came over quite early in the spring. He is to remain until six months after the close of the war—a rather indefinite assignment, to my way of thinking.

Franklin Ellis Receives Engineer Captaincy.

Franklin Ellis is another interesting chap who has secured his commission, a captaincy in the engineer corps. He, however, went through

the training camp at the American University. Then, I was interested to hear that Dr. "Dad" Borden and Dr. Adam Kemble, two of the scores of young Washington physicians who have gone into the medical corps, have been detailed to duty at the Walter Reed Hospital. It's especially good news for Dr. Borden, for he is to be married to Pauline Stone in the autumn, and the announcement has cleared the air so that they can now go ahead and make definite plans.

Dr. Kemble is a particularly clever young physician, has done a lot of research work, and has a fine reputation as a specialist and consultant.

No, Susan, she isn't a Russian, this interesting Romanian who was here recently with Adolf Bolm's "ballet intime" and who is so completely fascinating. The audience quite went mad over her here, and I understand she is the rage in New York. I've been hearing quite a lot about her recently from a "friend of a friend of mine."

The Little Lady, who is as dainty as a blossom, is an English girl, the daughter of an officer in the British

army, and a niece of the Earl of Cradock. She lived most of her life in India, and that's how she got the insight into Hindu lore and character which makes her dancing so unusual. Her mother travels with her and is her business manager. She is shortly starting out on a tour of the country with Tom Hector—yes, the same Tom Hector whose people live in and about Warrenton—as her dancing partner.

Many Washingtonians at Hot Springs' Sister Resort.

While the newspapers have much to say of the social doings at Virginia Hot Springs, little is heard of its sister resort, Warm Springs, just over the mountain. Nevertheless, that's a very charming spot—many people prefer it to the more fashionable place—and always filled with delightful people. An usual, there's a pleasant Washington colony at "The Warm" this season, including Miss Alice Riggs and Miss Jane Riggs, who have spent part of every summer there for many years; Rear Admiral and Mrs. Leutze and their fascinating daughter, Marion Leutze; Mrs. L. Z. Tanner and Ruth Tanner; Mrs. Henry E. Davis and her sister-in-law, Miss Josephine Davis, are likewise there for their annual visit.

Mr. Davis is detained in Washington by business, but will go away long enough to attend the meeting of the Bar Association at Saratoga. Today he is making an address at the ceremonies commemorating the centennial of the founding of the Quaker meeting house at Sandy Spring, Md. For many years he and Mrs. Davis have been frequent visitors among the Quaker folk of this quaint and delightful settlement, which, according to the Friends, was "founded by William Penn in spirit if not in person." I could tell you lots of anecdotes about Sandy Spring and its people—but if I did I'd write a book.

Petersburg Camp to Be Homecoming Colony.

Forty thousand recruits for the national army are to be assembled at Petersburg, Va.—at least I think that's the figure I saw mentioned—and thirty thousand "brides" will be mobilized in their wake. Well, I'll admit that's a bit of an exaggeration, but certainly there'll be an influx of brides such as the little old Virginia town has never known.

Capt. Gerald Egan is to be stationed

there, and will have his bride, formerly Louise Hoover, with him. Lieut. and Mrs. Laurence Slickney, the latter formerly Barbara Hoge, are also to be at Petersburg; likewise Lieut. and Mrs. Perry Taylor, Lieut. and Mrs. Thomas Hardy Todd, and Lieut. and Mrs. Otis Love Guernsey. All of these young men were through the training camp at Fort Meyer and all were married immediately after their graduation. Lieutenant Taylor's bride was a Washington girl, Paul Brown. Lieutenant Guernsey, who is a New Yorker, married a New York girl, and Lieutenant Todd's bride was to be married to Pauline Stone in the autumn, and the announcement has cleared the air so that they can now go ahead and make definite plans.

Holland Fitts, whose marriage to

Lieut. Thomas Garner, U. S. R., took place last evening, also will join the homecoming colony at Petersburg. Although all preparations for her wedding were made within ten days, there was no sign of hasty arrangements about the ceremony, which was very solemn and sweet. There were about 125 guests present, all asked by phone. The bride looked very pretty, her tulle and satin gown proving very becoming. The lovely rose polka lace on her costume had been used on her mother's wedding gown twenty odd years ago. Fondly yours,

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